

There have been many references in statements and in the press to the tendency of the Russians to concentrate on defensive weapons instead of offensive weapons. Are there any creditable evidence now which indicates whether this is so?

How do you evaluate the following statements:

Marshal Sokolovsky in Military Strategy (p. 237) states that attainment of qualitative and quantitative superiority was set as one of the "most important problems in organizing and developing the forces." Establishing superiority over the enemy in modern weaponry was the material prerequisite for victory.

Marshal Malinovsky in a 1962 pamphlet published by the Soviet Ministry of Defense wrote "The most characteristic feature of the present stage of development in Soviet military doctrine is the fact that it rests on the superiority of the Armed Forces of the USSR over the armies of the most powerful countries of capitalism, both in military technical resources, and from the morale and battle standpoint. This superiority and the just goals of our Armed Forces give us a firm confidence that in a future war . . . the victory will be won by us."

Bondarenko, in Military . . . "Kom, voor. sil. published in 1966 in the Communist of the Armed Forces stated that "military technical superiority along with moral-political superiority is one of the most important factors in our time for the reliable defense of the country The significance of military factors themselves, in particular military-technical superiority over the enemy has grown in contemporary circumstances as never before." Achieving military-technical superiority is a constant process and "the stern dialectics of development are that the struggle for superiority must be waged continually . . ." "military-technical superiority is such a correlation of quantity and quality of military equipment and weapons, of the degree of troop training in using them and also of the effectiveness of the organizational structure of the army, that the given side has the advantage before a real or potential enemy and can defeat him . . ." Soviet superiority is derived from mobile Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles and from Soviet advances in space technology. Soviet science has created weapons new in principle "secretly nurtured in scientific research bureaus and construction collectives."